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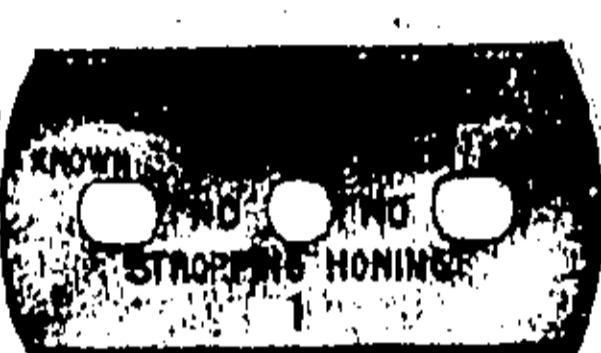
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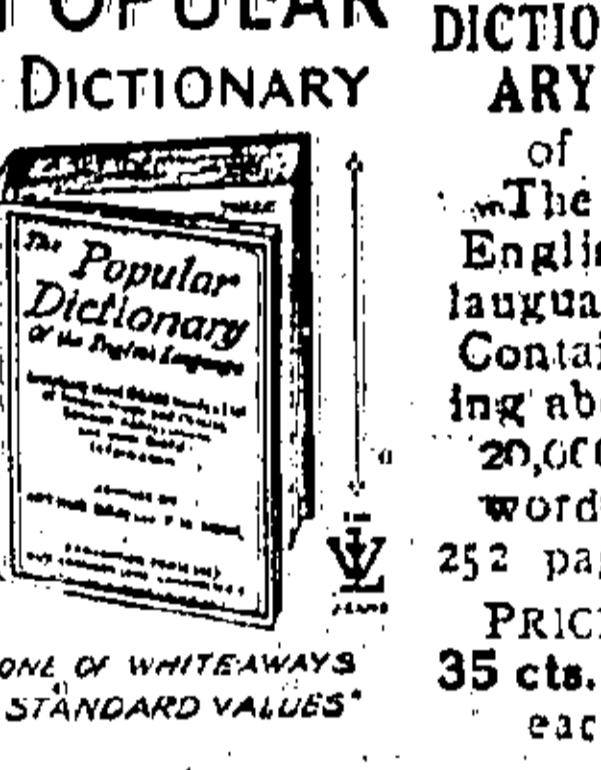
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BOOK ENTRIES.

DISCREPANCIES IN CASHIER'S RECORD.

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

COUNSEL SUGGESTS UNTRUTH, FULNESS.

Mr. Chau, the compradore of Getz Bros. Co. (of the Orient) Ltd., was cross-examined at considerable length this morning by Mr. Zeilynn (for the defence) with regard to entries in the cashier's books respecting the items in regard to which the Crown alleges misappropriation against Mr. James Edward Atherley, former manager.

In the course of his cross-examination, Mr. Zeilynn put it to the compradore that his books were untrue but this was denied. Some mistakes might have crept in the witness admitted, but they would have been corrected.

The witness was taken over carefully each item entered on the relevant days in three books, one a record in English, one record in Chinese and another a book which were recorded promissory note numbers by which payments into the bank were checked.

When these items had all been gone over (a proceeding which took well over an hour) His Lordship commented to the jury that there were several things in the Chinese version which were not in the English version. Reference to payments into the bank do not appear in the English version which do in the Chinese.

Mr. Zeilynn: Furthermore the English version gives payments into the bank on dates of receipt whereas the Chinese version gives them on a different date.

A WRONG DATE.

These discrepancies were then pointed out to the witness and he was asked for his explanation. With regard to an entry in one version in which payment into the bank was stated to have been made on March 22 whereas in the other it was stated to be March 25, witness said he thought the explanation was that Mr. Atherley had asked the cashier for that amount on that day. Mr. Atherley then might have given him a receipt and the man who wrote the book might not know what would have happened.

The cashier would consider his responsibility at an end once the money was handed to the "taipan." When Mr. Atherley returned the money the chop was put on in the other book for that date.

Mr. Zeilynn reminded witness of the clause in his contract under which he was liable to be called upon to make a true statement of the accounts in his charge. Had he discharged his obligation when no reference to this money lent to the "taipan" appeared in the book?

An alteration in the book of the date of paying in to the bank of money received from Tsun Tsau Chun was referred to Mr. Zeilynn. Why had this been altered to March 27 he was asked. Witness admitted that there was an alteration but said that he could not account for it. It was a matter for the cashier to explain.

"MADE TO FIT."

Mr. Zeilynn suggested that it had been "made to fit." The entering up in respect to money received as having been paid into the Asia Banking Corporation was also pointed out by Mr. Zeilynn.

Witness admitted that the company had no dealings with that bank. He thought it must have been a clerical error.

Mr. Zeilynn: It makes a great difference to employers, does it not, whether an amount of money collected for them is paid into a bank with which they have an account or into one with which they have no account.

The cross-examination of this witness was not complete when the court adjourned for the tiffin interval.

A "PERSONAL MATTER?"

The interview between Mr. Atherley, a representative of the firm of Getz Bros. and other interested parties, after enquiry into the alleged misappropriations, was detailed at yesterday's hearing.

The compradore of Getz Bros. who was under examination by Mr. Zeilynn at the time stated that he did not hear Mr. Atherley say on that occasion that the whole affair was a personal matter between him and the compradore.

Mr. Atherley said that he spoke to Mr. Zeilynn about money

HOTEL FIRE.

DANCE FOR SEAMAN'S DEFENDANTS.

WEDNESDAY'S FUNCTION.

Wednesday next (January 18) there will be a supper dance at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden when funds will be raised for the dependants of the late A.B. Batchelor who lost his life on New Year Day when assisting the Brigade at the Hotel fire. Details will be found in an advertisement in this issue.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., have written to say that their maintenance contract for the Hotel lifts ceased on October 30 and they wish to correct any wrong impression that may be formed here or in London. They are now looking after the two large lifts serving the roof garden, the contract having been reinstated.

In keeping with their policy of progress in spite of difficulties, the Club has retrieved a number of rooms, thus increasing the accommodation in the new wing. Furniture is being installed and the present office on the first floor has full details.

FATAL ACCIDENTS.

TWO PERSONS SUCCUMB TO INJURIES.

An unknown Chinese, believed to be a commercial traveller, was injured when he jumped from a moving tram car at Praya East yesterday afternoon.

The man died at the Government Civil Hospital in the night.

Another fatality occurred near the 3½ miles post on the Kowloon-Canton Railway. A Chinese woman in attempting to cross the line before an approaching train was knocked down yesterday afternoon.

At 8.20 p.m. she walked off without damage.

A subsequent survey showed that the hull was unaffected.

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He had been through the Straits about 15 times as master and had frequently used the same course.

If he had gone further north of Ching Mai he would have been lost as he could not pick up the Hoihow lights (maximum visibility 10 miles in clear weather).

Witness attributed the grounding to an unknown set to the south.

Both the captain and the chief officer were on the look-out for land from 4.00 p.m. (when the chief officer's "dog" watch began) to 4.30 p.m. Visibility extended 2 to 3 miles.

Captain Histed took the "true" (magnetic) bearings and the chief officer (Mr. C. B. Adkins) gave compass bearings.

Mr. Adkins also went into the ship and gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Hugh-Jones cross-examined the captain at considerable length on technical and navigation points.

PLANE STUNTS.

A NEW STEP IN LOCAL ADVERTISING

was marked to-day when the Lai Wah Co. of the Des Vaux Road Central (on their 5th anniversary) have obtained the service of the Caudron biplane of the First Dutch Air Company in distributing handbills from the air, some of the bills being good for gifts at the shop. This morning the aviator went up to the great enjoyment of the Chinese. The "stunts" will continue for some days.

owed to him and that Mr. Atherley said that he had made arrangements for repayment.

Mr. Zeilynn put it to witness that Mr. Atherley had explained that it was a personal matter and that he had asked witness to bring the I.O.U.s.

Witness replied that Mr. Atherley had not spoken. He "only put his head down."

Witness got the I.O.U.s and gave them to his guarantor the following day.

At this stage, Mr. Zeilynn said that he had had a very tiring day and asked His Lordship if he would adjourn the Court.

His Lordship: I suggest that you limit your cross-examination so as to save the jury's time.

Mr. Zeilynn: My conclusion will not be long.

His Lordship: I was brought up a Presbyterian. Mr. Zeilynn and I know that that conclusion means at the end of the hearing.

The hearing will be continued

"TEAN" GROUNDING.

MASTER'S "ERROR OF JUDGMENT."

BUT NOT CULPABLE.

"An error of judgment, not amounting to culpability, was made by the master in underestimating the visibility," was the finding of the Marine Court of Inquiry which sat this morning to investigate the circumstances of the grounding of the China Navigation s.s. "Tean," 21/5 miles west of Mandarin Cap, near Ching Mai Point, Hainan Straits, on December 19, while on a voyage from Haiphong to Hoihow.

Lieut.-Com. G. F. Hole, R.N. (Harbour Master) presided. Other members of the Court were: — Lieut.-Com. C. R. H. Harvey (Chart Depôt, Royal Naval Yard), Captain S. Robinson, C.B.E. ("Empress of Canada"), Captain H. W. Chandler ("Kumsang"), Captain J. Thompson ("Haiyang").

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, instructed by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, appeared for the captain. Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, instructed by the China Coast Officers' Guild, represented the captain and officers. Mr. T. T. Laurenson of the C.C.O.G. was also in court.

Points in the evidence of Captain E. H. Histed (master) — the greater part of his testimony being technical — were:

From 2.15 to 3.00 p.m. on December 19, he left the bridge.

The "Tean's" speed then was about 9.7 knots.

At .39 land was raised 2 points before the starboard beam.

The ship grounded in 2½ fathoms of water at 4.45 p.m.

An attempt was made to swing off but the ship's head held and the engines were thrown over.

The port anchor was let go and 10 fathoms of chain veered.

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THE STRIKE.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS' PROCESSION.

"Stop the Strike" was printed

in large Chinese characters on

banners carried by men in a pro-

cession in Canton on the after-

noon of New Year Day.

The procession comprised

"boys," cooks and coolies and in-

cluded a band.

SHIP OFFICERS REPLACED.

On returning to Canton, a Chinese owned steamer plying between that port and Saigon

came under the notice of the strike pickets. The strike

authorities ordered those in

charge to dismiss the British

officers and replace them by

foreign officers of other nationali-

ties. It is believed that the

vessel was formerly in the Hong</

OPERA ROMANCE.

"POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL."

FORTUNE LOST IN FEW WEEKS.

Poor little "rich" girl!

She made a small fortune one year, lost it all the next, and now she cannot get a "much needed job"—because she is supposed to be too rich to work it!

Miss Marian Wilson, the girl who at the age of eighteen made £17,000, out of "The Beggar's Opera," and lost it all the next year in "The British Bullet" at the Kingsway, said to a "Sunday Express" representative that it was "worse than hard luck."

She curled her diminutive self up in a low chair and stretched her doll-like feet—size "one," by no economy because of that, as shoes have to be made to fit—to the fire's blaze as she discussed her unusual predicament.



MISS MARIAN WILSON

The famous old tree at Cambridge, under which Washington took command of the American Army, stands no more. Boy scouts throughout the country have small blocks of the historic elm, placed on a metal plate.

"I never wanted to be a production magnate," anyway," she sighed. "It just happened. You see, Dad didn't like my going on the stage very much, but he wasn't, at the end, a stern parent about it."

"He saw that I had some training, and then handed me £1,000; and said that if I hadn't landed somewhere by the time the money was gone I must fend for myself." He said, of course, I could always come home and have a job cooking dinner or washing dishes, but that was all.

"I put every penny into 'The Beggar's Opera,' and, of course, I was thrilled to death when the money came rolling in so fast."

"Then half the trouble came from putting all my eggs into one basket, and the other half came from not taking out the income tax first! I'm not complaining about the tax a bit, I should have thought of it. But, of course, I had never paid any at all before, and when it piled up on unearned income and excess profits and super tax, it was an awful shock, especially as the money was all gone by that time."

"I'm not bit sorry though, as I learned more in two weeks of failure than in all the months of success. We started our ballet with high hopes, but I soon realised that my 'winnings' were nothing but a drop in the bucket. The public just refused to come, and we could hold out only so many weeks."

"So I came down from the 'magnate' stage to doing any kind of a rag, tag, and bobtail job that I could get. I danced in a cabaret in Nice and other French towns, arranged ballets and toured with the Ben Greet Company round London, up in Yorkshire, and down in Kent, playing often to interesting and unusual audiences, sometimes all schoolchildren, then all monks or all nuns or all Quakers."

"I simply adored playing Puck and Ariel. You can't imagine any one my size aspiring to playing Portia, can you? Besides, I love light comedy better than anything."

In the intervals Miss Wilson acquired an actor-husband and a baby girl.

"I have ended up by cooking the dinner and being useful round the house, though not for Dad," she added, "and baby likes the soup I make, if nobody else does."

Miss Wilson hopes to appear soon in a translation of a light French comedy.

SNAPSHOTS.

AND WHAT THEY MEAN.

NATURE'S SAFEGUARD.

Cyclones on the sun are setting in with appalling severity, writes J. H. Elgie in a Home paper.

It should not be thought, however, that they resemble earthly cyclones whirling at the rate of a mile sixty, eighty, or a hundred miles an hour and producing torrents of rain.

No, the solar cyclones whirl round with a speed of several thousand miles an hour. And they do not produce torrents of rain, because they are composed of vapourised metals. Moreover, the whirling particles are electrically charged.

One of these awful electrical cyclones may now be seen any day starting on the sun as a small black spot. If you watch this spot through a telescope with a shaded eyepiece you will see it develop until the whole region becomes dotted with similar black spots, which will eventually form a stream of spottles many thousands of miles in length. Each spot is the upper part of a vast electrical cyclone.

Indeed, at the moment of writing there is a long, straggling spot-stream visible on the west side of the sun, and another is developing on the east side. It may grow large enough to be seen with the naked eye.

They all indicate a disturbance compared with which our most destructive tornadoes on earth would be but the gentle breathing of a newborn babe.

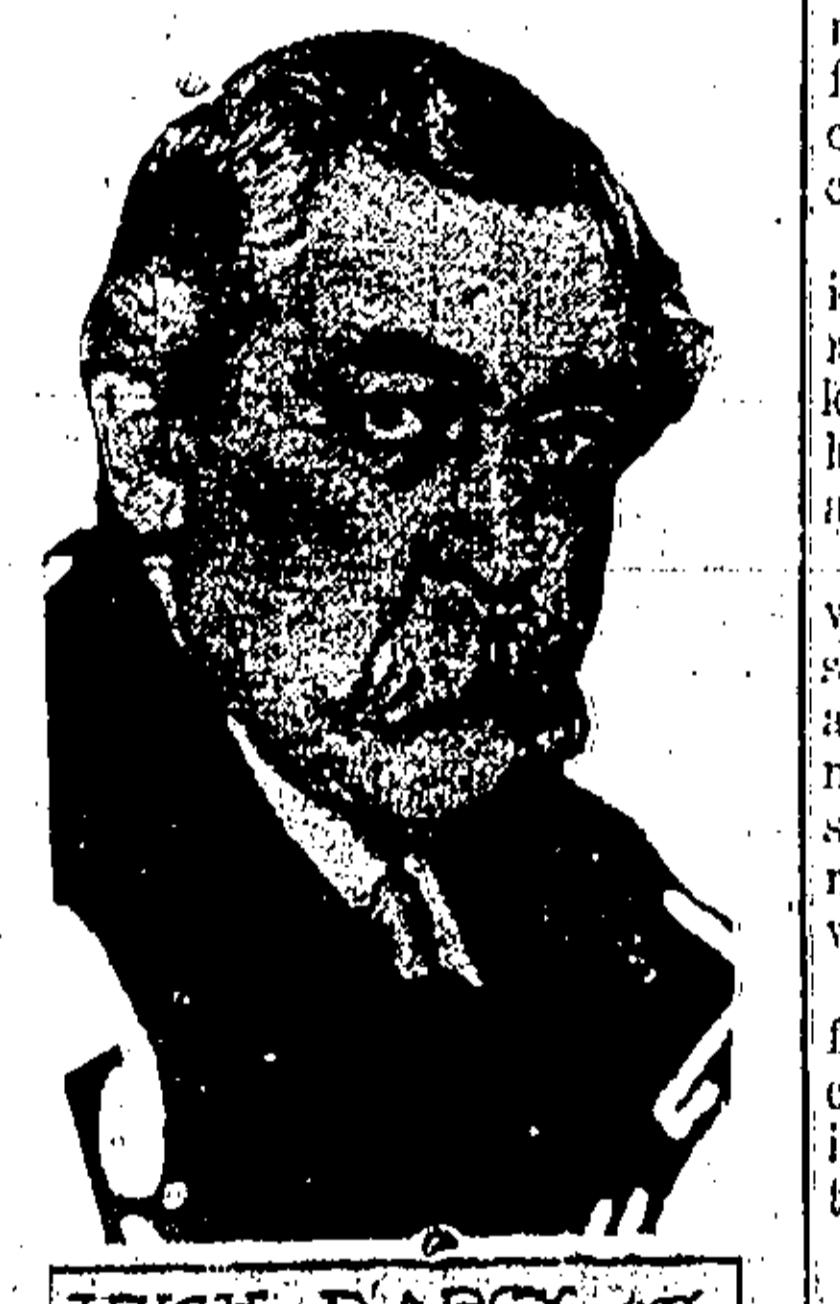
Sun-cyclones, which are now markedly increasing in number and magnitude, are then, made visible to us on the earth in the form of what are called "sun-spots."

They will continue to increase in number and size for the next few years. That is as certain as that there is a sun at all.

Now, after long study of these things, I ask myself if Nature brings them about in order to rid this bright orb of ours of such improprieties as might endanger the sun's existence.

Why, in a few months' time you will see with the naked eye some of these "whirlpools" so vast—the distance of ninety-three million miles, mind you—that our earth could be dropped into them like a pea into a bucket.

One can only come to the conclusion that that but for these upheavals, acting, as they do, as a safety-valve, serious harm would result to the sun. They are Nature's safeguards for keeping Mother Earth in health.



HUGH D'ARCY, M.A.

Remember the lines, "Twas a balmy Summer's evening and a goodly crowd was there, that well nigh filled the barroom at the corner of the square?" The author of "The Face on the Floor," Hugh D'Arcy, has died in New York.

HONGKONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1908-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 8 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

January 6 to 12, 1926.

Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
	Portuguese Time	Standard Time	Hongkong Standard Time	Height
Jan. 6	11.12 A.M.	11.12 A.M.	11.12 A.M.	3.12
7	12.12 P.M.	12.12 P.M.	12.12 P.M.	3.12
8	1.12 A.M.	1.12 A.M.	1.12 A.M.	3.12
9	2.12 P.M.	2.12 P.M.	2.12 P.M.	3.12
10	3.12 A.M.	3.12 A.M.	3.12 A.M.	3.12
11	4.12 P.M.	4.12 P.M.	4.12 P.M.	3.12
12	5.12 A.M.	5.12 A.M.	5.12 A.M.	3.12

FAMOUS DOCTOR.

KILLED BY UNKNOWN SON.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY.

Sensation followed sensation when the Vienna police announced that Doctor Wolff, one of the best-known dental surgeons in Vienna and the founder of the dental school-clinics there, had been murdered by Joseph Huemer, one of his patients.

An hour later it was revealed that Huemer was his victim's illegitimate son, and had committed suicide.

Doctor Wolff and Catherine Huemer were lovers twenty years ago. A child was born, but the lovers quarrelled, and Dr. Wolff never saw Catherine Huemer or his son until the day he came to murder him.

The youth's mother had married, but she always refused to tell her son Joseph the name of his father.



NATHALIA CRANE.

LOST HUSBAND.

MISSING MAN'S DRAMATIC RETURN.

HIS MIND A BLANK.

A husband who had been missing from home for eight months, during which time he has been wandering about with his memory a blank, has returned dramatically to his wife. He is Mr. E. C. Matthews, an insurance broker, of Exeter.

Efforts made by friends and the police to trace him had been fruitless. Then his wife, answering a ring of the door bell, was startled to find her husband on the doorstep in a distressed state.

When he left home eight months ago Mr. Matthews told his wife he was going to Torquay. He now states that he left Exeter with that intention.

On the way—he does not know where—"something snapped" in his head, and he remembered nothing further until he found himself lying in a wood near Oxford. How long this was after he had left Exeter he does not know.

He then, apparently, wandered about the countryside until at last he reached London, where a Salvation Army officer took him to a shelter. Here he was nursed until a job was found for him.

Mr. Matthews explained that his memory came back partially. He remembered he had some connection with Exeter, and saw an appeal from his life in a London paper.

This brought things right back to his mind, and he returned home.

He is now suffering from the hardships and exposure of the last eight months, and he will probably be sent to a nursing home or hospital for a time.

During his absence Mrs. Matthews carried on the insurance business as best she could, as well as looking after the family of three children.

A HOT SUBJECT.

HOW THE TRADE CAME TO GREAT BRITAIN.

Nathalia Crane, twelve-year-old wonder poetess figures in a court action over royalties, having been remunerated to the extent of only £100, according to her father. It was once said that Kipling wrote some of her wonderful verse, but this he denied emphatically.

Recently he came across documents which revealed his parentage. This began to prey on his mind, and he approached his father under the assumed name of Engineer, and, as a patient, called a number of times.

Details of the dramatic meeting with his father and how he revealed his identity are not known, but the police have established that the crime occurred after a heated argument.

The police declare that Huemer wished either to mislead them or spare his mother further disgrace, and to this end he left a statement under an assumed name to say that he had committed the murder because the doctor's bill was too high.

The startling likeness between father and son gave the police a clue to the mystery, and after an interview with the youth's mother they succeeded in unravelling it.

American host, waving a hand towards the painting above him: "That is one of my ancestors."

Tatler (west): "And he was nearly one of mine: I bid up to 300 guineas for him."

At the races tipsters were busy selling "certain winners" for sixpence a time.

One who had the usual crowd listening shouted: "Didn't I give three winners yesterday? If you listened to me you would all win money!"

After a few more similar remarks he began running round the ring with his slips, saying, invitingly, "Come on, now. I've got a little double."

"Voice from the crowd: "You have... I've seen it at the Zoo."

A friend of the family had been summoned to testify, much against his will, as to domestic disturbances in a certain household.

"You saw those blows administered?" asked counsel.

"Yes, sir," replied the witness. "Did you witness the beginning of the quarrel, between Mr. and Mrs. Smith?"

"I did."

"When was it?"

"Six years ago."

"How is that possible?"

"I was a guest at their wedding and the witness."

NOTICES.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members of the above Society and all those interested in Horticulture will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 7th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m., with a view to deciding whether the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW should be held next year or not.

It is hoped that a good attendance may be expected. All Ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th Dec., 1925.

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Hongkong, December 30, 1925.

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MANILA MARU Monday, 1st February

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

HAMBURG MARU Tuesday, 19th January

SUMATRA MARU Wednesday, 20th February

SAIGON—Direct.

KOHSO MARU Thursday, 25th January

BANGKOK—Via Siboga and Bangkok.

SEATTLE MARU Sunday, 24th January

VICTORIA SHIPPA TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALABA MARU (From Shanghai) Saturday, 16th January

NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.

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KEELING—Via SWAPO & AMOT.

TAIKWA MARU Thursday, 7th Jan., at 8 a.m.

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SWATOW.

Jan. 7.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
10.—O.S.K. Kaiho Maru

AMOY.

Jan. 7.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
8.—O.P.S. Sulung
9.—D.L. Saibing
10.—O.S.K. Gochuan
12.—O.N. Anhui
14.—O.S.K. Kotai Maru
15.—I.C.S.N. Kuitang
19.—O.N. Kwangtung

FOOCHEW.

Jan. 8.—D.L. Haiching
14.—O.S.K. Shantung

SHANGHAI.

Jan. 7.—B.L. Hymetus
7.—O.N. Sunming
7.—I.C.S.N. Tungshing
8.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
8.—N.Y.K. Tokushima Maru
8.—P.A.O. Delta
8.—P.A.O. Malwa
9.—C.N. Soochow
9.—N.Y.K. Cayullino
10.—C.N. Sechouhen
11.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
12.—N.Y.K. Tjekalak
12.—B.L. Hakone Maru
13.—A.O.L. Santhi
16.—B.B. Pres. Grant
17.—B.B. Tjekalak
20.—C.P.S. Empress of Canada
23.—P.O. Karmala
24.—O.S.K. Korea Maru
25.—B.L. Thawa
26.—N.Y.K. Suwa Maru
28.—A.Q.L. Pres. Madison

TAIKAO.

Jan. 7.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru
8.—O.S.K. Kotai Maru
10.—O.S.K. Kaiho Maru

TEHUAHAI.

Jan. 16.—O.N. Huihow
16.—C.N. Huichow

HONGK.

Jan. 10.—C.N. Obihiang
15.—C.N. TIENTHIN

TSINGTAU.

Jan. 15.—C.N. Huichow
9.—C.N. Tungshing
9.—C.N. Soochow

PAKHOU.

Jan. 8.—O.S.K. Amakusa Maru
8.—C.N. Kayleg
10.—I.C.S.N. Minggang
12.—O.S.K. Taikwa Maru

BANGKOK.

Jan. 8.—O.N. Tean
9.—I.C.S.N. Chaiyong
15.—C.N. Kweiyang

SAIGON.

Jan. 7.—K.P.M. Van Cloon
8.—C.N. Kuying
12.—C.N. Anhui
13.—I.C.S.N. Leomang
19.—C.N. Kwangtung

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Feb. 8.—B.B. Loper Y Lopez

MANILA.

Jan. 11.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Feb. 9.—T.K.K. Shinyo MaruVICTORIA, VANCOUVER,
AND SEATTLE.Jan. 9.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia
10.—B.F. Ixio
16.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
16.—O.S.K. Alabama Maru
27.—B.F. Philadelphie
28.—N.Y.K. Yokohama Maru

VALPARAISO.

Feb. 8.—A.O.L. Pres. Madison
9.—A.O.L. Pres. Jackson

HONOLULU.

Jan. 11.—T.K.K. Tenyo Maru
Feb. 9.—T.K.K. Shinyo Maru

ROTTERDAM.

Jan. 15.—E.A. Maleys
12.—J.C.J.L. Oldenirk

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Feb. 2.—S.E.A. Sumatra

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26.—B.F. Dardanus

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Malwa

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Mar. 3.—B.F. Hector

ROTTERDAM.

Jan. 7.—O.S.K. Atlas Maru

ANTERO.

13.—E.A. Malaya

OBALON.

13.—N.L. Oldenirk

CORNELIA.

23.—J.C.J.L. Oldenirk

DARDENNE.

23.—G.L. Oldenirk

KATHARINA.

23.—G.L. Oldenirk

ANSEL.

23.—N.Y.K. Fulda

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"KARMAKA"	9,089	6th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,908	6th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHEMIR"	8,985	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp & Hamburg
"KEIVA"	9,135	20th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,918	3rd April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	8,156	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,144	1st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MACEDONIA"	11,059	1st May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"SANTHA"	8,595	18th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,008	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALAMBA"	8,018	25th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
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"KEIVA"	9,135	8th Feb.	Moji, Iloilo and Yokohama
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"TANDA"	8,958	21st April	Moji, Iloilo and Yokohama
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7.—A.O.L. Pres. Grant

8.—S. LINE Pres. Lincoln

9.—S.T.K. Hakodate Maru

10.—N.Y.K. Wakasa Maru

11.—C.P.S. Hakko Maru

16.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia

FROM SINGAPORE

Jan. 7.—B.E. Perma

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14.—B.E. Hymetus

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16.—B.E. Monitor

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20.—B.E. Thalibius

26.—B.E. Calches

FROM NEGRAPATAM

6.—N.Y.K. Takashima Maru

FROM CALCUTTA

10.—B.I. Taito

21.—B.I. Takeita

FROM BOMBAY

7.—P.O. Delta

8.—P.O. Kathmir

Jan. 10.—J.C.J.L. Tisalak

18.—J.C.J.L. Titicibi

FROM JAPAN

Jan. 7.—A.O.L. Pres. Hayes

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8.—N.Y.K. Pres. Grant

9.—T.K.K. Karoshi Maru

9.—N.Y.K. Hakko Maru

9.—N.Y.K. Minchima Maru

10.—N.Y.K. Wakasa Maru

11.—N.Y.K. Hakko Maru

16.—C.P.S. Empress of Asia

FROM MANILA

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8.—E.G.A. St. Albans

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Jan. 8.—E.G.A. St. Albans

19.—N.Y.K. St. Albans

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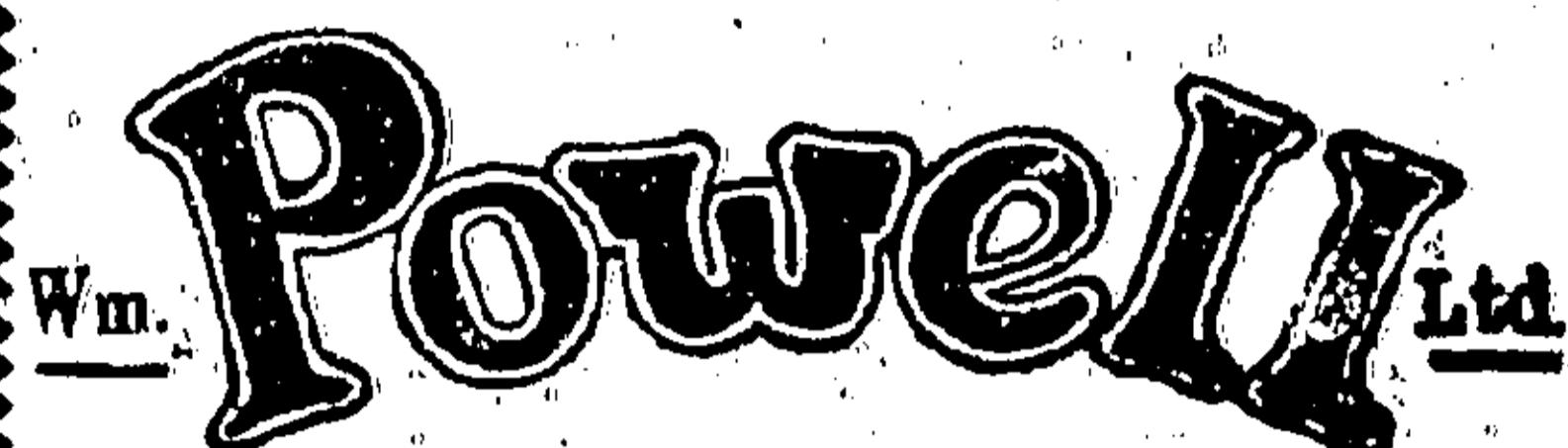
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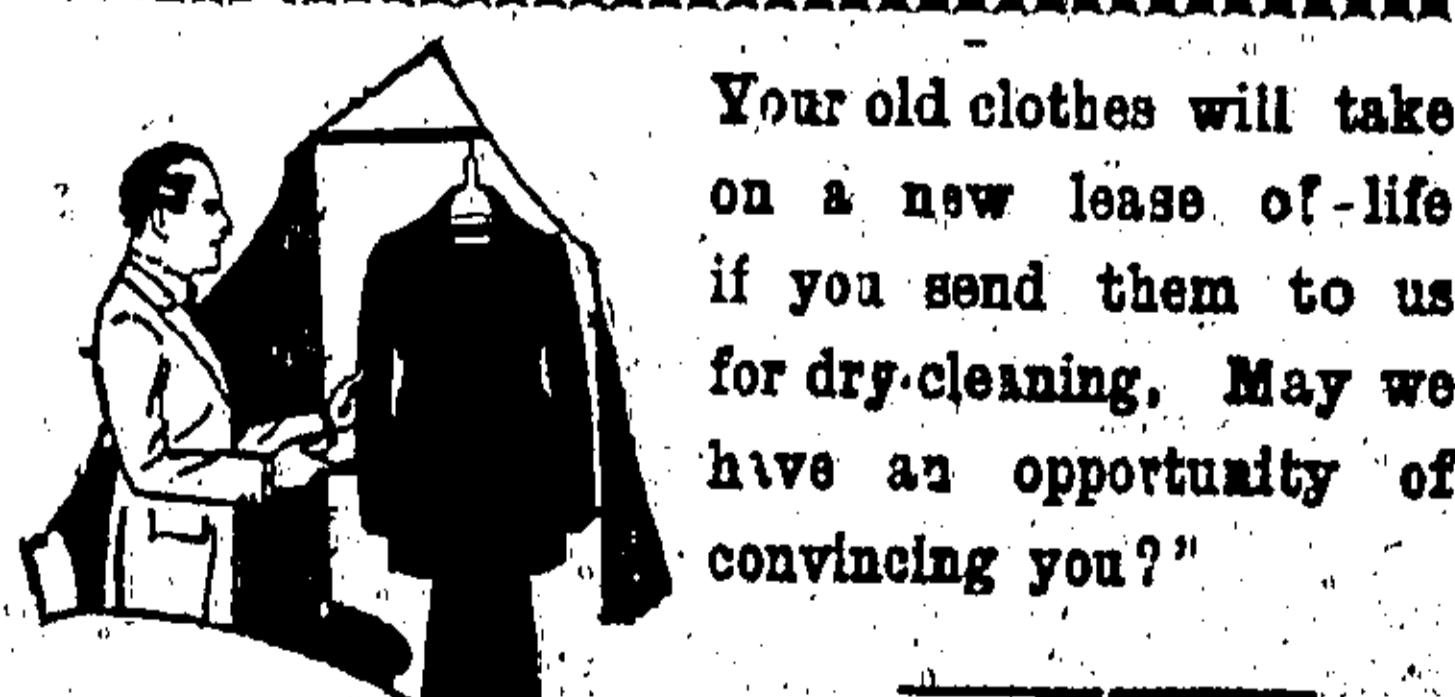
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Hongkong, Wednesday, January 6, 1926.

FIRE FIGHTING NEEDS.

When a big fire breaks out who is the person in supreme charge of the operations to get it under control? Most people would answer offhand, "why the Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, who else?" Doubtless that reply would be correct for nearly every city of any size in other parts of the world. But from what was seen last Friday it certainly does not appear to be true of Hongkong. Mr. H. T. Brooks was to all appearances nominally in charge, and for all we know his authority was absolute. We should like to think so. But apart from the amount of mechanical work he was called upon to perform—such as linking hoses and driving fire engines—he was surrounded by so many officials higher in the public service that it is difficult to believe there was not some overlapping of authority. These words are written in no churlish spirit. Everyone acknowledges the immense debt due to those who assisted the Fire Brigade, especially to the Navy and Army. But if the reason of this help is not to be lost there should be some better understanding as to the occasions when such aid can be invoked. The Navy would not be what it is, nor the Army either, if the officers and men failed to respond to an urgent call for help. From an incident witnessed in Pedder Street the "China Mail" is inclined to believe that one of the Services came into action as early as it did solely through the casual circumstance of a self-reliant officer happening to be present at the time. Doubtless individual members of both services could always be found to give a hand in time of emergency. But that is not what we mean. Civilians, too, as witness Friday's events, are to be found not less ready in this respect. Individual help is one thing—official assistance is another. When in the case of the Navy and Army may this official aid be solicited? And how? These are questions the public are asking and they ought to figure in any inquiry that may be instituted into the whole question of fire fighting in Hongkong. The matter is not one of making the Navy and Army auxiliary arms of the local Fire Brigade, of demanding their services in right of simply of a military position.

when a really good one comes along. The cinema gets all the kicks and none of the "ha'pence." The next thing to aim at is the opening of the museum and library on Sundays. The Botanical Gardens are free to all who care to climb to their beauty—why not the inanimate things of books? The comparison is not at all a happy one for the Colony cannot "pride itself on its supposedly cultural adjuncts." The recent summer saw no band concerts of any description, either indoors or out. The Surreys and the "Hawkins" bands play delightfully. But only the favoured few hear them. There should be some effort to organise this branch of dull dispelling. Shanghai boasts its Sunday concerts and is all the better for them. It is not entirely given over to cabarets and cocktails and has a mind for the enduring things of life. Some of these things would undoubtedly help to make Hongkong a brighter place than it is at the moment. Some of us do not need them. "My mind to me a Kingdom is" operates in many directions; whilst the eye and mind have probably been trained to see the beauties there are around us, and to appreciate them in silence and in sincerity. But many are not so happily situated. The stress and turmoil of life is such that there are no opportunities to develop latent spiritual powers. Dame Fortune scatters her favours indiscriminately and the few rejoice in world possessions and leisure time, whilst the many find it difficult even to glimpse the material paradise which plays such a large part in most lives. There is then a duty. Cinema theatres may not be an ideal place in which to spend part of a Sunday; but there are many worse, and it is possible to get a vision of "fresh woods and pastures new," a new inspiration and a new hope, inside the walls of one. The Government probably recognises this fact—hence its permission already recorded. It may be argued that the concession fails hardly on employers who desire consideration and a rest from their labours. We may safely leave this to the employees themselves. Employers, we feel sure, will do what is expected of employers in this enlightened age.

The nation's mourning for the Queen-Mother MOURNING is naturally being expressed in black. In Brittany widows wear special yellow caps for mourning, and yellow also obtains in Egypt and throughout Burma. The significance is, apparently, that it represents the old and dead leaves after they have dropped from the tree of life. Dale brown, to represent withered leaves, is also worn in Persia, while Abyssinians wear a greyish brown to represent earth. China favours white, typical of hope, and some countries favour blue. Scarlet has been worn for French kings, but purple is more general for representing royalty, and red occasionally for cardinals.

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"But St. Peter remained with the keys and as long as he holds them never another lawyer will get into Heaven."

The R. e. v. PRISON STORIES. Eustace Jervis, at one time or another chaplain at some of the largest prisons in England, has some human interest stories to tell of his "patients" in "Twenty-five Years in Six Prisons." Here are a couple:

There was a very refined but sad looking doctor at one prison. A man who was under sentence of death complained of toothache.... He asked the doctor if he would take the tooth out for him. The doctor looked at him sadly for a moment or two, and said:

"Do you really think that it is worth while?"

A wife whose husband was doing three years wrote that she would have nothing to do with him when he came out. She said she had met a very nice gentleman, who had taken her and the three children to live with him. They had dinner for tea every night. He took them to the pictures, and had bought the children new clothes and boots. She had never been so happy and comfortable and cared for in her life. After bidding him farewell, she signed herself:

"Your broken-hearted wife, Clara."

Mr. Jervis' story about the condemned man with the toothache recalls an experience related by Berry, at one time chief hangman of England. He was helping on the road to eternity a man named Fowler—convicted of an infamous murder.

While placing the noose around the convict's neck Berry had to use a little more force than usual, owing to Fowler being a very tall man.

"Don't be so rough," complained Fowler, "you hurt."

H. G. Wells. A LAMPOON. After having given birth to a new heaven and a new earth, Thinking out new sorts of Hells, here lies Mr. H. G. Wells.

LANDSCAPE ART.

Goldsmith, who in his essays makes slighting remarks on both connoisseurs and artists, sees "Companus's plain" with no illusions, as "A weary waste expanding to the skies." And though he does "Look downward where a hundred realms appear," he gives no intimation of seeing the "Lakes, forests, cities, plains extending wide" as a pictorial landscape, though one reviewer calls his description of Italy "picturesque and harmonious." He is nearer the picturesque in

more

Then please the eye, sweet Nature ev'ry sense.

Burns and Blake are, of course, free from the artificial conception of landscape.... Crabbe reproduces what is before his eyes, with the fidelity of a Dutchist. In one of his last poems, Salford Hall, or The Pictures, he criticises Salvator and Claude through the words of an un-sophisticated country boy, visiting a grand house on an errand, and taken to the picture gallery. "But is this Nature?" is his exclamation at a scene of banditti.

She then displayed her knowledge, "That, my dear, is just the breeze. That curst the water and that fans the trees; The ships that anchor in that pleasant bay All look so safe and quiet.—Claude, you say?"

With Coleridge and Wordsworth we escape entirely from the conventional landscape form; though, in spite of their freedom from the Italian sway, it is clear that their poems are not wholly new and spontaneous growths in poetry, but connected with Thomson and Dyce, back in a long line of mediocre topographers and observers of nature through the medium of art. Even Wordsworth did not escape wholly the obsession of Salvator in wild scenes. "William says that whatever Salvator might desire could there be found, says Dorothy, after describing to Coleridge the stunted tree waterfall, and rocks of a little glen in the mountains above Rydal. "William says that Man

Lovely indeed the mimic works of art are, But Nature's works far lovelier. I

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1926.

THE CHINA MAIL

EVELYN THAW.

SWALLOWS A POISONOUS DISINFECTANT.
RUSHED TO HOSPITAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Chicago, January 5.
Evelyn Thaw was rushed to hospital early this morning after swallowing a quantity of poisonous disinfectant and telephoning for a doctor, who hurried to her apartment. An ambulance was summoned, and Evelyn was unconscious when she reached the hospital.

She had just completed a contract as a cabaret entertainer and was about to leave for Florida.

(This is the second occasion on which Evelyn Thaw, who was a victim of the drug habit, has created a sensation. Early in 1923 she took an overdose of morphine, and, rushing out of her apartment, screamed to the maid, who was posted outside, that she "had swallowed enough poison to kill 20 people." In 1922 she was dancing in a number of restaurants along the beach, which proved more profitable than a tea room venture. Then fortune smiled upon her and she earned enough money to go to the California coast, where she became a favourite in the movie colony at Hollywood. There she claims to have been introduced to "silver snow" and figured prominently in several "snow-shoe parties." Finally, when the drug habit threatened to claim her life as its toll, she fought an uphill battle and won. Her mother is to be given credit for this victory, for, after she found Evelyn being dragged down, she threatened to go to the courts and take away from the young mother her son, Russell. Determined to keep her son with her, Evelyn saw the necessity of conquering the drug habit. In 1922 when the newspapers took up the case of Winifred Reid, the moving-picture celebrity, who was then also fighting to save himself from the drug habit, Evelyn was widely quoted in the newspapers as saying that she could and would give information that would result in the breaking up of the nation-wide drug ring which was responsible for things as they were then in Hollywood. She declared an open war on drug vendors, but before she could get the battle under way New Year's Eve came and with it a revel, which resulted in an attack of pneumonia, which threatened to prove fatal.)

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(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 5.
The Republican majority in the Senate were astonished when the Opposition Senator, Mr. William C. Bruce, of Maryland, spoke eloquently in favour of adherence to the World Court and the League of Nations. He only desired that the Court would be not so transformed by reservations that the nations already in it would be unwilling to accept the United States as a member. He declared:

"There has been a time when the nations of the world were willing to pay almost any price to get America into the League, but recently there has been a noticeable change. They have found that they could get along without us, and even without our aid, could be nipped in the bud. Europe is no longer in a mood to tolerate airs of condescending patronage by us or praise from our own lips of our own perfections."

STEEL TRUST.

U.S. FINANCIERS' ISSUE OVER-SUBSCRIBED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, January 5.
Dillon, Read and Company announce that \$55,000,000 worth of National Cash Register stock, which they offered to-day, was over-subscribed within five minutes.

[A cable published yesterday stated:—Messrs. Dillon, Read and Company confirm that a sum of approximately \$50,000,000 is involved in financing a German Steel Combination, consisting of three big groups, namely, Deutsche, Luxembourgh, Geisenkirchner and Baden-Verein.]

HOUSES COLLAPSE.

MORE FLOODS DAMAGE IN HOLLAND.
TOWN PARTLY FLOODED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.
The Queen has opened with a donation of 10,000 florins a public subscription for the relief of the sufferers, which already is over £20,000.

Steamers rescued hundreds of refugees from a dyke in the Arnhem district.

The situation between the Rivers Meuse and Waal has become worse. The level of the water has risen. Several more villages are inundated and many houses have collapsed.

A dyke in the River Ysel collapsed at Deventer, part of the town being flooded.

The Ministry of the Navy has sent motor boats, dinghies, pontoons, and 1,000 naval men to the distressed regions.

BETTER NEWS.

Amsterdam, later.
The Rivers Waal and Meuse are falling.

OIL LEASES.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

AN AWARD REVERSED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

San Francisco, Jan. 5.
The United States Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the decision of the lower Court in ordering the cancellation of the Elks Hills naval reserve oil leases, but reversed the lower Court's award of \$111,781,000 to the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company (one of El Doheny's Corporations) as reimbursement of their expenditure at Pearl Harbour.

The decision is an important victory for the Federal Government, upholding their contention that the lower Court is not authorised to order reimbursement.

It is expected that El Doheny will appeal to the Supreme Court.

"ANOTHER CHINA."

AMERICAN VIEW OF ITALY'S DEBTS.

IMPOSSIBLE TERMS OPPOSED.

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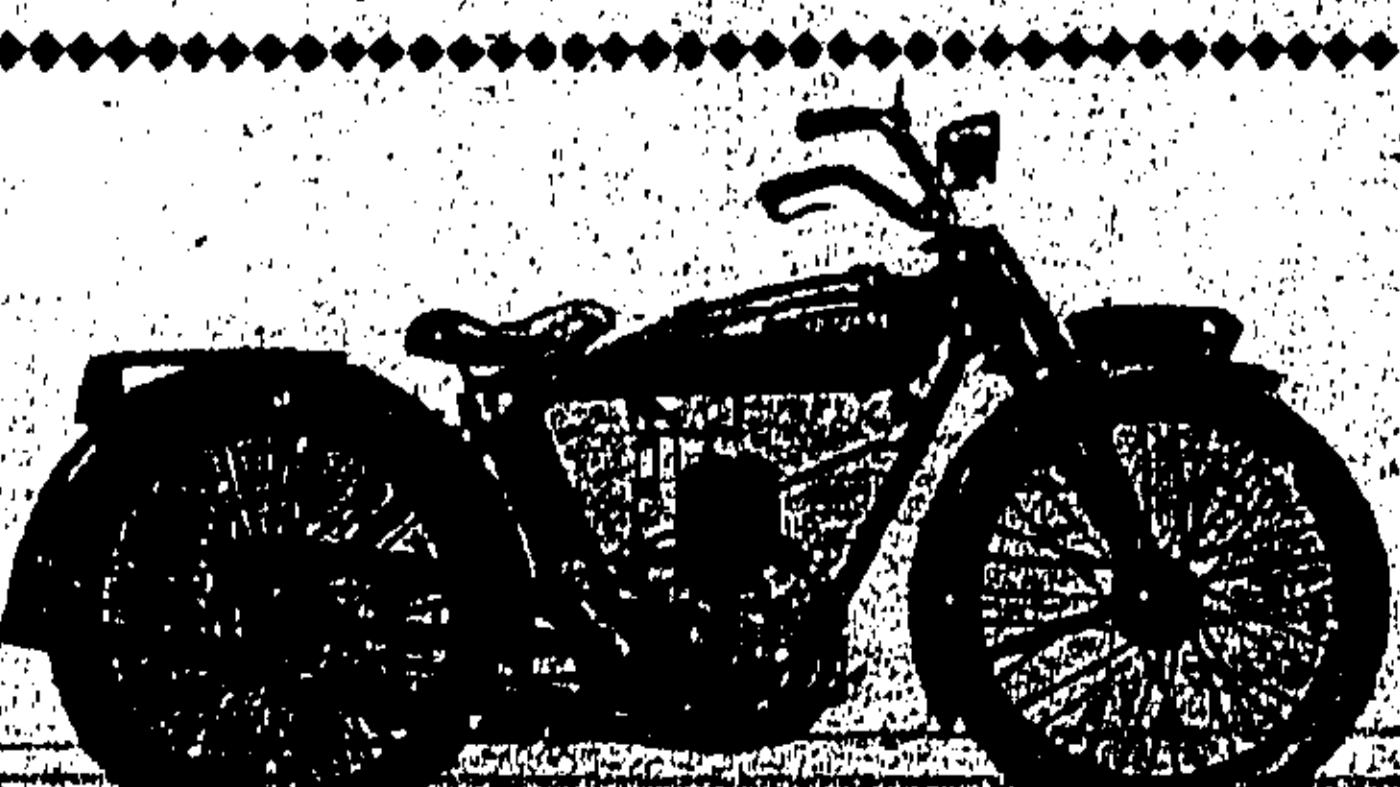
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The fortnightly Whist Drive of the Dockyard Recreation Club takes place to-morrow at 8.30 p.m.

The Steam Laundry Co. intimate their readiness to renovate clothing damaged by salt water and mildew.

The annual handicap tennis tournament in connection with the United Services Recreation Club commences on Monday, the 18th inst.

A London firm is circulating the Far East's motor car proposal. The firm undertakes to supply a car at fair price to those proceeding on Home leave, and to buy it back at the end of the leave, at a fair price.

One death from influenza occurred last week, also one from enteric (Chinese). Two British cases of diphtheria were reported, one British case of typhus fever and one case of puerperal fever. Two further cases of diphtheria were reported on Monday, one of them British and one Chinese.

The "Tokushima Maru," which was due to-day with mail from Europe via Nagapatanam (letters and papers), London, December 3, has been delayed and is now due on Friday. The same morning, the P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" is due with mail via Suez (letters and papers), London, December 10 and parcels, December 3.

The total tonnage of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet, including 40 steam launches and tugs, is 528,478. The total tonnage fleet of the affiliated company, the Kinkai Yusen Kaisha (the Near Seas Mail S.S. Co.), including 14 steam launches and tugs, is 100,785. The combined tonnage of both fleets is 629,263.

Asheville, North Carolina, the home and last resting place of William Sydney Porter, is building an O. Henry Memorial Library. One entire floor will be filled with autographed volumes presented by the leading authors of America, and another section will contain O. Henry's clippings, pictures, and manuscripts.

An American bookseller announces "correspondence in all languages except the Chinese."

The Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a cheque for \$500 from the Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club in aid of the Merchant Marine Masters' and Officers' Relief Fund.

According to the statement forwarded by the British Government to the League Secretary-General, 30,622 oz. of raw opium and 158,856 oz. of prepared opium were seized in the Straits Settlements during April, May and June, 1925.

A wool substitute, said to be just as warm and comfortable as the real thing, is expected by its inventor to result in cheaper clothing. The cloth is called Woollose and the manufacturer explained that it consists of 70 per cent jute fibre and 30 per cent ordinary recovered wool. Supplied in the raw state, the material will sell at approximately three-quarters of the price of cheapest wool.

Calcutta is apparently taking its share in the rush for rubber shares, says the "Englishman," but, as it happens, few of these are obtainable locally, and the scrip taken time to come from Singapore. The fact that the shares are dollar shares also does not make for smoothness of transaction, according to the India investors. In spite of these drawbacks, however, there is no question of a brisk demand in Calcutta for rubber shares.

The British Government has decided to organise a purely British Empire section for the famous Leipzig Fair, to be held in March. Over 80 countries will be exhibiting, and it is felt that, with British export trade in its present depressed state, such an opportunity should not be lost. Several countries now keep permanent exhibition show rooms in Leipzig, between the fairs, but Great Britain is not yet one of these.

The World Theatre under the management of Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., is being reformed and redecorated, and comfortable chairs installed. The pictures and the music are alike good.

The growing tendency to disfigure fine buildings and public beauty spots by advertising signs has been strongly censured by E. Guy Dawber, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, at the recent annual meeting of that body.

Foreign-language newspapers in America will be obliged to print in English half a column in each issue on the Constitution, the history or the Government of the United States if plans launched at the annual meeting of the Allied Patriotic Societies are successful.

The C.P.S. "Melita" sailing from Montreal on November 4 carried a shipment of young black foxes which had been purchased in Canada by a Swiss gentleman. The animals were transported in about thirty wooden cages and they are valued at about \$100,000.

The Chief Scout has awarded the decoration of the Honorary Silver Wolf to Mr. L. R. Wheeler, District Commissioner for Perak, and Medal of Merit to Mr. H. R. Cheeseman, District Commissioner for Penang, for good services in the movement.

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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE**THE NOBLE ART.**

CHALLENGE TO A. E. GARDNER.

NEXT TOURNAMENT.

Able Seaman Castle of H.M.S. "Hawkins," who claims a victory over Able Seaman Gardner of H.M.S. "Hermes," has challenged Gardner to a six-round contest.

This season Gardner gave a good impression by defeating both Drummer Bowles and H. Major, each over 6 rounds on points.

The next H.K.B.A. tournament is on January 14 at the Theatre Royal. Mr. J. Brook (manager) and Mr. T. G. Bennett (then secretary) have the tentative programme in hand. As permission is being sought in various quarters it would be unwise to give full details at present.

However, it seems unlikely that Gardner will meet Castle. It is hoped to match Gardner in a 15-round, main event, bout for the featherweight championship and belt.

Some excellent new blood is being introduced and local ring "fans" may look forward to some fine fighting. The H.K.B.A. also hope to arrange a 10-round bout in which two lightweighters who have done well recently will oppose one another.

Stoker Booth, the "Hollyhock" middleweight, who issued a challenge (at 160 lbs.) through the "China Mail" will not lack possible opponents should he arrive in time.

ANNUAL RACES.**REMINDER FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

At 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, entries for the Hongkong Jockey Club's annual race meeting (four days) close to the secretary, c/o Messrs. Linstead & Davis.

Details will be announced in due course.

U. S. ATHLETICS.**NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES FINDS.****A VARIETY OF QUESTIONS.**

Pittsburgh, Nov. 17.

International athletics were placed on a plane higher than ever before. The close relationship was evidenced by the granting of permission to Jackson V. Scholz and Lloyd Hahn to invade Australia next Summer to meet the best in the Antipodes.

At the same time Hans Houben, German sprinter; Adriaan Paulen, Holland middle-distance runner; W. Goodwin, English walker; Charles Hoff, Olympic pole vault champion of Norwalk and Wide, Nurmi's rival in Europe, were invited to America next year to engage in a series of events.

Boxing took on an international angle when the delegates voted to allow \$2,500 to the committee taking team to Buenos Aires and Canadians Argentina offered an additional \$4,000 to defray transportation expenses. The trip will take nine weeks.

President Hubert of the American Amateur Athletic Union set the wheels in motion for the raising of funds for the United States Olympic team of 1928 by appointing a committee to work on a programme. Developments will be reported at the annual convention each year.

The convention voted to hold a national high school swimming meet in Florida during the 1926 season. The senior weight-lifting championship will be held in Los Angeles by the Southern Pacific Association.

W. C. Prout, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, reported that after investigating the Paddock-Murchison European tour the committee was convinced the athletes did not accept money for their track appearances abroad. They incurred a deficit of \$800 on the tour, he reported.

The Marathon Runners' Committee, headed by William Kennedy, did not like the manner in which runners were picked for the Olympics. Kennedy reported that in his opinion many of the country's best marathoners are ignored when it comes to selecting representatives for the international competition.

LOCAL HOCKEY.**PUNJABIS BEATEN BY CLUB 2nd XI.****YESTERDAY'S GAME AT U.S.R.C.**

The Hongkong Hockey Club 2nd XI showed that the last fortnight's rest had done them no harm when they beat the Punjabis by four goals to one on the U.S.R.C. ground yesterday.

The Club, as often happens, started with eight of their own men and two spectators. Owen Hughes took the place of Lloyd and his presence and the right wing meant a great deal to the forward line.

The Club pressed from the start, but failed to score. The Punjabi front line showed beautiful combination at times, and a very good forward movement led to a stinging shot which was well stopped by Frank, but before he could clear a forward was on him and pushed the ball through. The Club now came into the picture and stayed there until half time.

Some good forward movements were seen, the centre and inside forwards swinging the ball about well, and the wings, especially Owen Hughes, sending in useful centres. The first goal was from a high centre from the left when Lyon getting the ball as it reached the ground sent in a splendid first time shot. Then Owen Hughes, trapping a high one, sent in a jolly good shot from a very difficult angle. The next goal came from a right wing movement which was nicely completed by Lyon. At this stage the Club was pulled up several times for off-side play. Just before the interval Price got through and scored the fourth goal.

The second half showed very keen play, but there was no further scoring. The Club goalie and the two backs (Becher and Wedlake) did very useful work and it was wonderful at times how they kept the goal clear. The Club forwards were playing well and forced several corners and were within an ace of scoring on more than one occasion, but they seemed to be well held by an improving defence. The game was a little disjointed in the second half by continuous fouling, especially by stick and handling. The ground was greasy, and it was hard to keep control. It is debatable whether the referees would have been justified in giving a little more latitude to the player.

Total 532.

SECOND TRIANGULAR.

On January 2, also at Stonecutters, the "Ambrose" was first in another triangular, H.M.S. "Titania" second and H.M.S. "Iroquois" third. Scores:

H.M.S. "Ambrose":—Comdr. H. Bower 75, Mr. H. Stark, Wt. Engn. 87, Cr. Sgt. H. V. Thorne 32, Corp. J. Green 31, Sergt. A. Phillips 72, Corp. T. Spencer 76, Mine. A. Nicholson 72, Mine. T. Bentham 71.

Total 516.

H.M.S. "Titania":—

Lieut. Kemer 84, Sig'm C. Harper 81,

Corp. R. Keir 71, Mine. E. Firth 74, Sergt. W. Smith 60, Lt. Sea H. Hammond 69, A.B. E. Bryant 80, Sto. S. Farrell 81.

Total 500.

H.M.S. "Iroquois":—

A.B. F. Heare 75, Lt. Sea. W. Wise 81,

S.P.O. A. Potter 65, A.B. E. Lobb 65, A.B. H. Hawker 58, P.O. C. Stace 72, A.B. G. Barnes 63, P.O. T. Vincent 41.

Total 524.

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P.O. T. Shenton 81, Lt. C. Waughope 81, A.B. L. Ring 78.

(By range:—200 yards 222,

500 yards 233, 600 yards 204.)

Total 659.

Hongkong Police:—

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GOLF INTERPORT.**FILIPINO PLAYERS COMING.****"EPOCH MAKING EVENT."**

Manila, Dec. 26.

If negotiations now under way do not fall through, a delegation from the Wack-Wack Golf Club will invade Hongkong some time in February or March to engage the members of the Royal Golf Club of that city in a series of matches. The delegation will probably be composed of six of the best club players of the local organisation, accompanied by two or three others who will act as manager and coaches.

Five of the six men who are mentioned as probable members of the invading team are understood to have signified their intention of making the trip. Those "slated" to go are Johnny Arellano, present club champion, Johnny Tuazon, "Doc" Cruz, Mike Cuaderno, "Fatty" Santos and Ramos.

The invitation received here from the Royal Golf Club is considered in local sports circles as the first signal recognition of Filipino golfers and no effort will be spared to send the delegation. A golf invasion of Hongkong by Filipino golfers will be an epoch-making event and may lead to succeeding invasions of other foreign golf courses by local players.

The six men mentioned as probable members of the invading team are without doubt among the best that could be picked from the rank and file of the Wack-Wack line-up judging by their showing in the tournament which is now under way, as well as in previous tournaments. With two or three months in which to pre-

RIFLE LEAGUE.**"HAWKINS" GETS THREE VICTORIES.****TWO "TRIANGULARS."**

Further matches in the Hongkong Rifle League have been shot.

At Stonecutters range on December 22, H.M.S. "Hawkins" beat H.M.S. "Ambrose" and East Surreys; the "Ambrose" also beat the Surreys, the match being a three-cornered one.

Scores:—

H.M.S. "Hawkins":—Sgt. W. J. Shaw 94, Col. Sgt. W. Gossett 83,

A.B. L. Ring 88, P.O. H. Page 82,

P.O. A. C. Thoday 81, P.O. A. Lewry 74, L.S. S. Trowbridge 71,

P.O. T. Shenton 68.

(By range:—200 yards 223,

500 yards 219, 600 yards 194.)

Total 636.

H.M.S. "Ambrose":—Mr. H. Stark 82, Com. J. G. Bower 80,

Cpl. J. Green 78, Mine. A. Nicholson 72, Sgt. A. V. Phillips 69,

Cpl. T. Spender 64, Mine. T. Bentham 63, Mine. A. E. Harris 60.

(By range:—200 yards 194,

500 yards 189, 600 yards 186.)

Total 589.

East Surreys:—Sgt. R. Hicks

76, Sgt. A. Sales 73, C.Q.M.S. E. Franklin 73, L.Sgt. A. Jones 67,

Maj. J. F. Drake 69, C.S.M. G. Estall 64, Pte. W. Thorne 63, Pte. W. Cheeseman 48.

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POETRY IN RING.**CARPENTIER'S GALLANT RESCUE.****ANNOUNCER BLUSHES RED.**

Paris, Dec. 6.

Poetry will not mix with boxing. The promoter of the Cirque de Paris knows that to-day, for he had tried to mix the two and failed miserably.

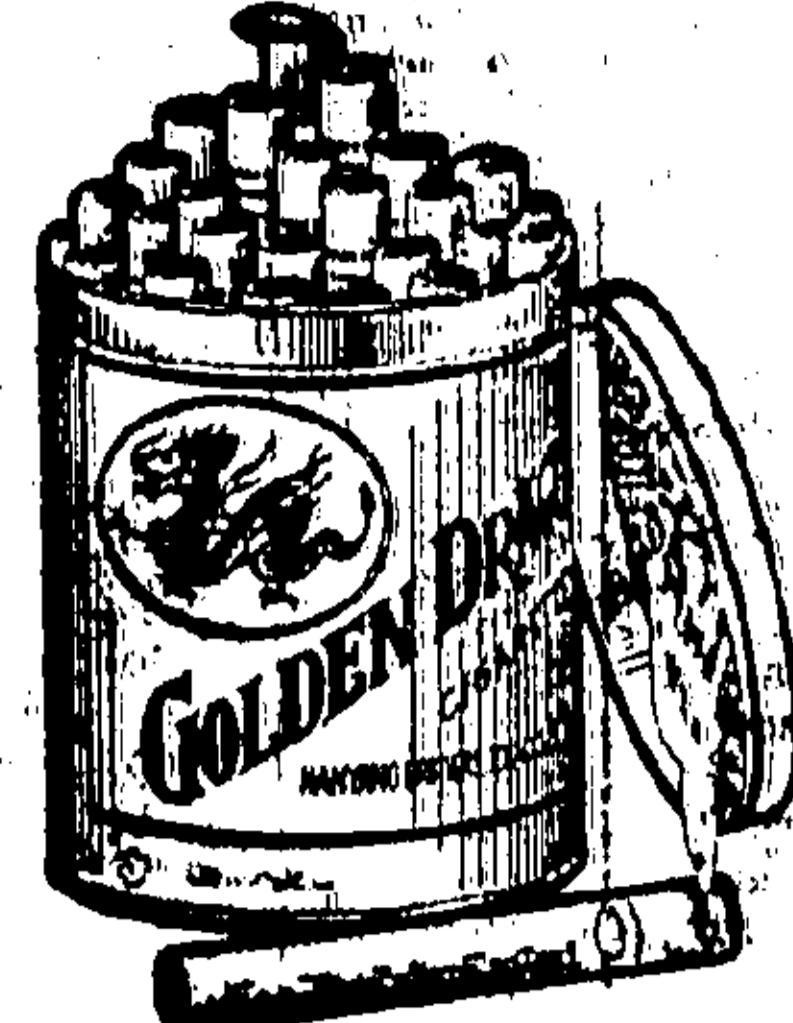
"Ladies and gentlemen: In this corner we have Battling Duval and in this corner we have Mauling Maurois," shouted Joe Humphries, announcer. There was a catch in Joe's husky voice and some people say he blushed as he continued: "Before the fight begins, Madame Madeline Roche of the Comedie Francaise will re-enact Shelley's 'Ode to the Skylark.'

Joe beat a hasty retreat. The brave little actress scrambled into the ring. For a few stanzas the crowd was silent, then the storm broke. It was a storm of bread, ham and sausages, for French fight fans take their dinner with them and throw it into the ring when they wish to indicate displeasure.

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COLLEGE MARBLE PLAYERS

Neither of the two shooters are back at "taw" as the students of the University of Southern California play marbles, which is quite the rage among the girls of the institution.



LADY TERRINGTON

Lady Terrington, former member of Parliament, has gone into business in London as a specialist in complexion treatment.



BEAR HANGO

It's the "Ursus Tango," and all that it needs is plenty of nerve and a handy bear. It is doubtful if it ever will become a craze owing to the scarcity of bears as partners.



MICHAEL MINERVA

Michael Minerva is rapidly achieving fame as a rising young sculptor.



RUSSIAN COSTUME

This latest in Russian attire includes high boots and a cloak of black broadcloth trimmed with rich black coon fur.

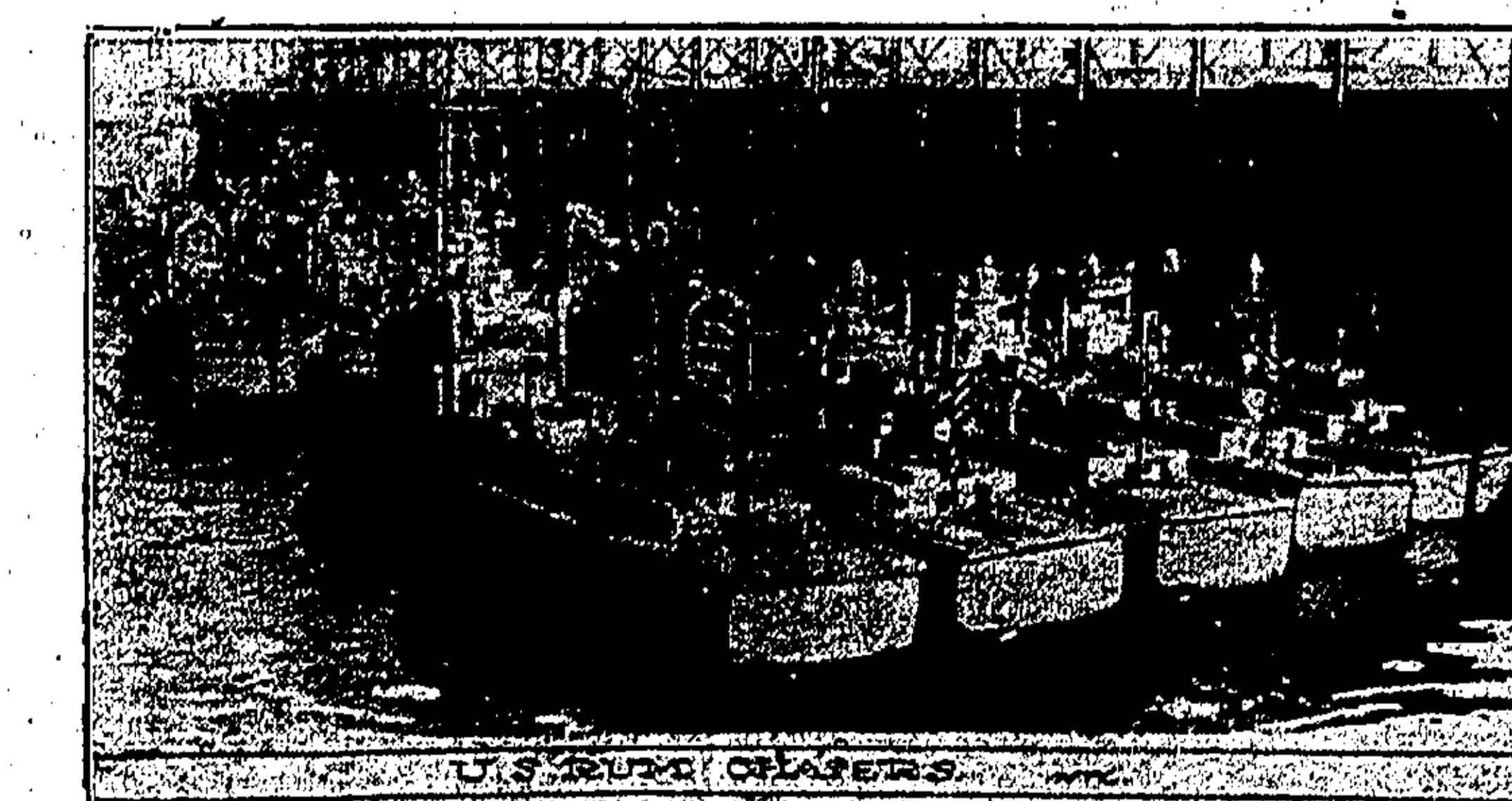


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Dowager Queen Marie, of Russia, is reported to be gravely ill following the death of her sister, Queen Alexandra. Formal appeal to President Coolidge has been made that Countess Karolyi, of Hungary, buried by the Secretary of State, be allowed to enter America. Mrs. Ernest Thompson Seton, wife of the naturalist and herself a hunter of big game, has undergone an operation to her throat. The Painlevé cabinet fell when the ministry suffered a defeat, 278 to 276, on a moratorium on short term bonds.



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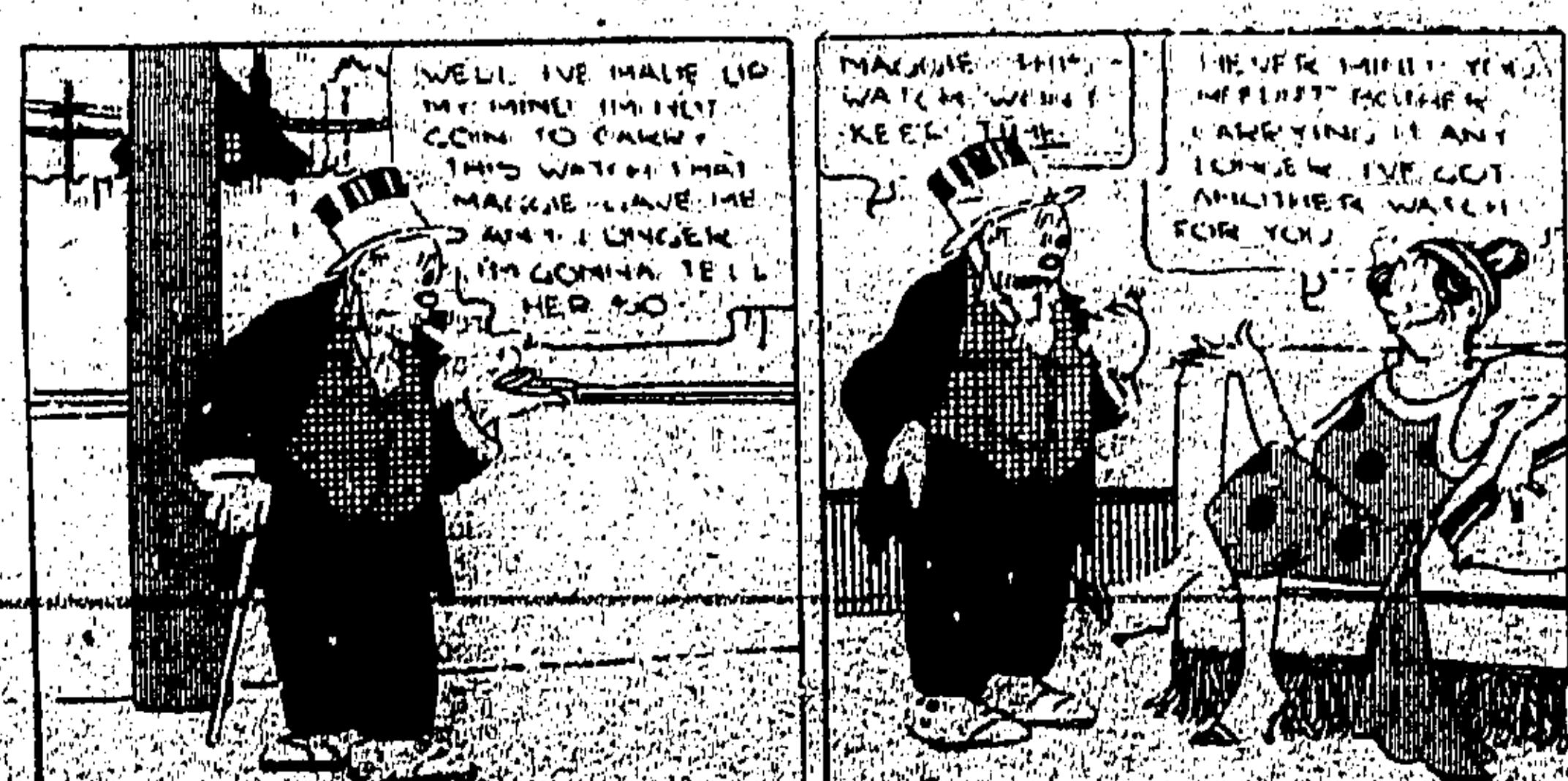
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The Baby.

Years ago, when the time was drawing near for me to take life seriously, and to go out into the world to earn my own living, a kind and gracious adviser bade me to be sure to take the work which would make me happiest. "For," she said, "if your work does not make you happy, it is not the right work, no matter how much it may bring to you. And when," she added, "you have found the right work, you will find that it will prove to be not work at all, but pleasure." At the time, and for some while after, I thought her words sounded optimistic, or perhaps that her own experience had been exceptional. But it was one of those phrases that are destined to sound in one's ears again and again through life. It seemed to me then that to prophesy that "work would not be work, but pleasure," was to talk about the millennium. To my mind, work was a thing which should occupy seven, eight, or nine hours of one's day, and should be done efficiently, conscientiously, and honestly, but only when it was done and finished with could one begin to find one's pleasure, really to enjoy life. Work might be interesting; it could scarcely be entertaining. Work—so it appeared to me in those early days of inexperience—was one thing, pleasure and enjoyment another. That the two could ever be combined was doubtful, and that they might be identical never entered my head. Now, however, I am constantly being reminded of the wisdom and truthfulness of that advice, which, to my mind, could be given with advantage to any young person about to choose a path through life. It may be argued that all are not as lucky as I was, in finding work so interesting, and so much to one's liking; and while I agree that some may fall short of achieving the *summum bonum* in the way of an occupation, still, I

hold that that advice helps in taking a sadder and more reasonable view of something which must, after all, occupy the major part of one's life. If I had to start over again, I would be thankful for that piece of good counsel, which urged me to seek happiness in my work, and which, as a corollary, urged me, having found it, not to stint myself, but to put all my energy, all my interest, all my life into the task.—Frances Louise Stevenson (Private Secretary to Mr. Lloyd George) in "Good Housekeeping."

Work And Pleasure.

In the whole universe there appeared to remain only two living beings. The distant, low line of shore with its long, fine wave of cream-coloured sand dunes was broken only by occasional furry strips and a spot of red. The furry strips were patches of beech grass, now in winter yellowed and bleached almost to the colour of the sand, and eternally hissing in the wind; the tiny red spot was the sportsman's hut with a bit of black stovepipe, to emit smoke from beechwood fires. Now it was only a red spot like a dagger wound in the cream-coloured skin of a reclining lady. Except for the low shore, everything was sea and sky; the sea deep purple, with the cold of winter water and with white caps leaping and galloping over the surface like infinite numbers of fleecy sheep running home from the eastern horizon, brightened by the blue-black forehead of the frowning storm. Except for the forehead of the frowning storm, the sky was a great bowl of cruel, startling blue. Under this bowl no sea birds flew with silvery wing flash; out of the sea nothing was tossed as evidence of life below the surface. It was all water and sky and lifeless shore; everything, everywhere, blue and white and lifeless. To one of the two living beings on the bare sand bar, a mile from shore in the way of an occupation, still, I

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The Baby.

They were not intelligent, they talked in cliches, they dressed to pattern; at the best they aspired to perfection of form within their group. It seemed that nothing serious had touched them till the baby came. That might have been the saving of a woman, but Edie was more of a marionette; Edie with a baby was a joke. And Eddie went about dispersing facetious messages from Edie. I didn't like them, and yet wasn't there something gallant in her attitude? Child-birth is not a joke.... And then came the calamity. It was late at night when Eddie came in, breathing hard from his rush across to us. He gasped out his news, and the appeal for Isabel's help. The baby was ill, was choking; they were all at a loss; the doctor wasn't in; Eddie feared it might already be too late. Isabel was ready in a moment, and I went with them. We discussed the question of the doctor's possible whereabouts as we ran, and I broke away to seek the village nurse. She and I and the doctor arrived together after a considerable delay. The house was quiet, and burst of frenzied activities was over; the baby was dead. Could nothing be done? It seemed that the baby had gone such a little way that it might be recalled. The immediate past is a strong prepossession; death may confer on the body a spiritual significance. The doctor did all he could; which was nothing. We all did everything we could. The young parents looked at us inquiringly. Was everything in order? They hadn't a diction, a vocabulary for such an occasion. Edie said something about having missed a bus this time. Edie's banalities, needn't be recalled. Their faces told me little. They were scared; that was all. They wanted to get back to something sure and familiar; who would not? They were on the defensive with us, as such people commonly are with their elders.—Suburb, by Alan Monkhouse (Philpot, Ltd.)

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Manila	Empress of Russia	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	
Japan	Hakuryo Maru	
EUROPE via Nagasaki, (Letters and Papers London, 3rd Dec.) 1925.	Tokushima Maru	
Australia and Islands	St. Albans	
Straits	Delta	
EUROPE via Sue Letters and Papers—London	Hongkong, January 5, 1926.	
10th Dec. 1925 Parcels 3rd Dec. 1925.	Malwa	
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14.	Hymettus	

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FOR	TO	TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Takao Maru	5 p.m.
Port Bayard	Sunkong	5 p.m.
Shanghai	Tungshing	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7.	Devawongse	8.30 a.m.
Hoihow		
Straits and Calcutta (Parcels 5 p.m.)	Taiwan	
Letters 9 a.m.)	Poosang	9 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Van Cloon	11.30 a.m.
Straits		
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and EUROPE via Vancouver, B.C.—due Vancouver P.O. 25th Jan. 1926—Ship sails at day-light, 8th Jan. 1926. Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	Empress of Asia	5 p.m.
Amoy	Sailang	
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Saiphoong	Anakura Maru	8.30 a.m.
Haihooek	Keeling	10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Pres. Lincoln	1.30 p.m.
Manila	Macdonald	1.30 p.m.
Bangkok		
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (Letters and Postcards specially super-scribed "Via Siberia" only)	Malwa	2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Grant	3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EGYPT via Marselles—due Marselles 5th Feb. 1926. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 18th Jan. 6.30 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9.	Halehong	Noon.
Amoy and Foochow	Suisan	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Obakang	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 3rd Feb. 1926. Letters 5 p.m. Registration 4.45 p.m.	Ixon	
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10.	Mabayo	9 a.m.
Hoihow, Amoy and Formosa	Kale Maru	9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu	Osaka	
MANDAY, JANUARY 11.	Tonyo Maru	
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